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Kelli and Brad,

The NRC has accepted for review your LAR 19-020, "Cyber Security Plan Changes," dated December 20, 2019. By this email, the staff is issuing the associated acceptance letter into the public record. The enclosed acceptance letter accepts your proposed schedule for completion of this action by September 30, 2020 (NEIMA date), however, the staff will endeavor to expedite the review with the goal to complete and issue by May 1, 2020 and will inform you if our resource estimate changes or if our goal date changes.

This email with attached acceptance letter is being submitted to public ADAMS capture with this email. An accession number will be assigned by ADAMS.

Respectfully,

Billy

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Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC
GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 3 & 4: CYBER SECURITY PLAN CHANGES
(LAR 19-020) (EPID NO. L-2010-LLA-0287)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated December 20, 2019, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19354B986), the Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Combined License (COL) Numbers NPF-91 and NPF-92, referred to as Units 3 and 4. The requested amendment proposes changes to the VEGP Units 3 and 4 Cyber Security Plan.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of the LAR. The acceptance review is a staff process to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.90, an amendment to the license must fully describe the changes requested and follow, as closely as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 52.79 of the 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application against the regulatory requirements and has concluded that it provides sufficient technical detail to enable the NRC staff to begin its detailed review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed changes in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

SNC has requested staff approval of this LAR by May 1, 2020. The staff intends to complete this action by September 30, 2020. However, the staff will try to expedite its review to have it completed by May 1, 2020, unless we agree to a different date at a later time due to circumstances beyond our control. The staff estimate to support this review based on this limited acceptance review is approximately 225 hours which may change as the review proceeds.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-5848 or bill.gleaves@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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